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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers of Cuddapah district in Andhra Pradesh have yet again been left high and dry by the Government which has made meagre allocations for the implementation of long-pending irrigation projects namely Telugu Ganga, Galeru-Nagari, Chitravati and Veligallu;

(b) if so, whether there has been a considerable decline in the budget allocation;

(c) if so, the reasons for not allocating adequate budget for these projects; and

(d) the time by which the projects are likely to be completed ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (c) Irrigation being a State subject, the planning, investigation, funding, execution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects including flood control and drainage projects is done by State Governments themselves as per their own priorities.

(d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have informed that the Telugu Ganga project is expected to be completed within a period of 6 years, the Galeru-Nagari project will be completed in a period of 8 years after obtaining approval, the Chitravati balancing reservoir is programmed to be completed by 2004-05 and the Veligallu project has been posed for financial assistance to Japanese Bank for international Co-operation (JBIC).